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JANUARY 2006 CALENDAR

Sun 1, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 2, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM Tue 3, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00
Wed 4, Board Of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members, Please Meet at 7:00 PM
Wed 4, Conservation /SOS Committee Meeting 6:30
Wed 4, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 5, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 7, Precision Match USNA Annapolis -
Sat 7, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 8, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 9, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 10, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 11, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 12, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 14, Junior Rifle Practice 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sat 14, Practical Defense Match 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
(Uncovered pistol range closed during event. Please note that participants will meet at 9:30 AM in the Rathskeller for registration; don't go directly to the range). Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time.
Sat 14, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 15, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Mon 16, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00
Tue 17, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 18, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 19, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 21, Classified Precision Air Rifle Match, Social Hall and Rathskeller 7:00 AM to 9:
Sat 21, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00
Sun 22, Skeet & Trap 12:00 NOON to 5:00 PM
Mon 23, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 24, American Legion National Postal Air Rifle Match Social Hall and Rathskeller 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM
Wed 25, American Legion National Postal Air Rifle Match Social Hall and Rathskeller 5:00 PM to 11:00
Thu 26, American Legion National Postal Air Rifle Match Social Hall and Rathskeller 5:00 PM to 11:00
Sat 28, Membership Meeting 5:00 PM Auction Starts. Dinner 7:30 PM "Wild Game Dinner & Auction" (Dinner Tickets Are Sold Out). Dinner tickets are not required to attend auction or **the general membership meeting**. See web site for additional information.
Sat 28, Junior Rifle Practice 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sat 28, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00
Sun 29, Skeet & Trap 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Sun 29, Rifle Pistol Range Clean Up 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00

Sun 29, Skeet /Trap Maintenance 10:00 AM Ranges closed until 1:00 ***
Sun 29, Christmas Tree Maintenance 10:00 AM ***
Sun 29, Club and Range Orientation 10:00 AM
Sun 29, Chapter Maintenance Day 10:00 AM at Equipment Shed ***
Mon 30, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00
Tue 31, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

FEBRUARY 2006 CALENDAR

Wed 1, Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM, ATTENTION prospective Members Please, Meet at 7:00 PM
Wed 1, Conservation /SOS Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
Wed 1, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 2, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 2, DNR Hunter Education Instructor Training (Upstairs Hall) 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 4, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 4, USNA Annapolis Rimfire and Air Sectional.
Sun 5, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00
Mon 6, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 7, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 8, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Thu 9, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Sat 11, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sat 11, Junior International Air Sectional Match, Centerville, VA
Sun 12, Skeet & Trap 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM
Sun 12, Open International Precision Match, Centerville, VA
Mon 13, Adult Airgun 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Tue 14, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 15, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Wed 15, Nest Box Birdhouse Workshop 7:30 PM -
Thu 16, Junior Rifle Practice 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

NOTE: * Counts toward NEW MEMBER REQUIRED PROJECT PARTICIPATION**

SKEET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS LIST: JANUARY

Sun 1/8 Ronnie Gravitt, Steve Hunt, Paul Turska, Jake Turska
Sat 1/14 Tim Mulreany, Robert Jeffery, Charlie Weaver, Bill Rahn, Bob & Ryan Cooley
Sun 1/15 Randy Stewart, Evan Stewart, Michael Fleisher, Martin Cherry
Sat 1/21 Peter Currall, Ira Wein, Dave Gold, Mike Webb
Sun 1/22 Robert Case, Tim Olsen, Jim & Judy Crowell

Sat 1/28 Paul Fisher, Tony Evans, Richard Zabell, Red Gambrell

Sun 1/29 Peter Sittner, Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassel

SKEET & TRAP RANGE OFFICERS LIST: FEBRUARY

Sat 2/4 Bob Cooley, Ryan Cooley, Charles Weaver, Bill Rahn

Sun 2/5 Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Steve Hunt, Ronnie Gravitt

Sat 2/11 "The Fichter Gang", Carl McMahon, Rob Taylor

Sun 2/12 Randy Stewart, Evan Stewart, Michael Fleisher, Martin Cherry

Sat 2/18 Dave Gold, Peter Currall, Ira Wein, Mike Webb, Mike Bowen

Sun 2/19 Jim & Judy Crowell, Robert Case, Tim Olsen

Sat 2/25 Richard Zabell, Tony Evans, Red Gambrell, Paul Fisher

Sun 2/26 Rob Van Tassel, Frank Saenz, Peter Sittner, Joel Gross

CALENDAR EVENT POC's:

.22 Fun Shoot : Tom Riley 301-774-7426

Air Rifle Field Target: Joe McDaniel 301-865-8257

Adult Airgun: Phil Dean 301-865-8202

Bowling Pin Shoot & Practical Defense Match: Jesse Lim 301-540-0860

Boy Scouts, Order of The Arrow

Terry Springer 301-428-0216

Christmas Tree: John Leaman 301-972-1572

Conservation Committee: Jim Piatieski 301-253-4486 or Jeffrey Deschamps 301-604-3736

Cowboy Shoot: Chuck Crooks 301-831-9666

Fall Clean-up and Adopt A-Road: Michelle Chesnut 301-831-0237 smc_geek@msn.com

Hunter Safety: Geoff Hornseth 301-253-2384 ext.2

Junior Airgun: Bob Inness 301-340-9185 email: binness@starpower.net or John Watson 301-929-3583

Military Shoot: Jose Tassara 301-431-2799

Jose_Tassara@comcast.net

Range Orientation: Ray Logan 301-946-2651, nagolyar@starpower.net, or Barry Ephraim, eyebear@aol.com

Rifle Pistol Range: Guy Wright 301-253-4604

Seneca Valley Rifle Match: Mike Gugulis 301-417-0987

Skeet & Trap : Conley Phipps 301-460-8528

S&T Range Officers Schedule: Bill Rahn 301-774-6234

NEW MEMBERS JANUARY 2006

Lisa J Bard Germantown, MD Sponsor: Bob Inness

Michael T. Bender Germantown, MD Sponsor: Joe Gick

James M DeBerry Laurel, MD Sponsor: Tri Rust

Christopher Deigan Brookeville, MD Sponsor: James Deigan

Michael A Garrett, III Silver Spring, MD Sponsor: Joe Gick

Jeffrey Greenhut Rockville, MD Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

Paolo Iscaro Olney, MD Sponsor: Joe Gick

Jean Pierre Lacombe Bethesda, MD Sponsor: Joe Gick

Sara Lacombe Bethesda, MD Sponsor: Joe Gick

Peter Mell Clarksburg, MD Sponsor: Joe Gick

David E Stevenson Rockville, MD Sponsor: James Deigan

Jacob J Sweeney Olney, MD Sponsor: Joe Gick

Bo Young Stafford, VA Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

Kevin E Young Halethorpe, MD Sponsor: Chuck Crooks

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

The IWLA -WAC Board of Directors has accepted and approved three amendments to our Chapter's Bylaws. Before these amendments can take effect, they must be approved by a two thirds vote of the membership, at our March 22nd, 2006 membership meeting.

Article III - Membership

Section 5

Current Reading;

All members who have been elected to membership in the chapter shall undergo one year probation, this probation period to terminate one year from the date which they were elected to membership. During this probationary period, all new members will be required to work on a minimum of two Chapter events. Events can be fundraisers or committee functions requiring a work detail as sponsored by the Board of Directors. New members failing to meet this requirement will be ineligible for membership renewal for one year, after which application can be made as a new member. During this probationary period, the member may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Upon expulsion under this section, all unused dues will be returned.

Proposed Amendment

Article III - Membership

Section 5

All newly elected members shall undergo a probationary period, no more than three years in length. The probationary period is determined by the Board of Directors, and will be provided in writing to new members prior to their being presented to the BOD for consideration. During this period, all probationary members will be required to participate in Chapter activities. Activities may include, but are not limited to: Chapter maintenance days, event fundraisers, committee projects, conservation projects or Chapter Social events.

New members failing to meet this requirement will be ineligible for membership renewal for one year, after which, application can be submitted as a new member. During the probationary period, the member may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Upon expulsion, under this section, all unused dues will be refunded. Current probationary requirements will be listed on the membership application in use at the time. For applicants with special needs, a written request for an exemption can be filed with the Board of Directors for consideration.

Article V - Duties of Officers

Section 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall:

Sub Section b.

Current Reading:

b. prepare and mail the monthly bulletin and notices of membership and Board of Directors meetings, and

Proposed Reading:

Amendment would change the word "mailed" to "distributed."

Article XV - Amendments

Current Reading

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed, or new Bylaws may be adopted, by two-thirds vote of the members in good standing, present and voting at a meeting of the Chapter provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at a prior meeting, and that notice of the proposed change, and the date at which the proposed change is to be voted on, shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary to each member, not less than thirty days prior to the date of the meeting at which the action thereon shall be taken.

Proposed Reading:

Amendment would change the word "mailed" to "distributed."

Local Carver Featured at Game Dinner and Auction

Richard Gick from R&F Decoys in Ilchester, Maryland (near Ellicott City) will be a featured guest at our Dinner & Auction on January 28th. Richard has appeared several times on Dan Roderick's TV show in Baltimore and has also been featured in articles in the Baltimore Sun. He is also the current woodcarving teacher for the DNR's Becoming an Outdoor Woman program.

Richard will be demonstrating his custom carving skill throughout the entire event. He will be making decoys on his woodcarving bench and has been kind enough to donate pieces for the raffle and auction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WILD GAME DINNER & AUCTION

We are in need of contributions for the Game Dinner and Auction. If you have items to donate please bring them to the Chapter House (backside) and leave them behind the counter. Donation slips are provided. Also game food donations are welcome, especially venison. Call Rich Fried at 301-253-2789, for arrangements of food donations.

The Game Dinner is sold out but it's not necessary to attend the dinner to also attend the Auction. Come on out and enjoy the evening and fellowship with other Chapter members and guests. Hope to see you Saturday, January 28, 2006.

CONSERVATION REPORT

The chapter will be holding a "Nest Box Workshop" at 7:30 pm on Wednesday February 15. If you are interested in finding out about Nest Boxes and the opportunity to build one of your own send e-mail to Jeff Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) or call (301) 604-3736 to register for the event. The workshop is free to members and non-members.

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental protection will be holding its first "Rain Barrel Workshop" of 2006 on Friday February 24 at Brookside Gardens. Go to Rainscapes.org to find out more and register. In March, the chapter will be holding a "Rain Barrel Workshop" at 7:30 pm on Wednesday March 15. If you are interested

in building your own rain barrel and finding out what you can do to control runoff from your property this is a great opportunity. To sign up send e-mail to Jeff Deschamps (jeff.deschamps@verizon.net) or call (301) 604-3736. Pre-registration is HIGHLY recommended as we have supplies for a limited number of rain barrels. The workshop is free to members and non-members.

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT

Information: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article, contact Guy Wright, by e-mail, at guywright@verizon.net or telephone 301-253-4604.

Shooting Hours: Permitted rifle and pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For January 2006, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 5:00 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range.

Range Road: Again, remember that when we get snow, sleet, or freezing rain, the lower range road will become very slippery. Even though the upper range road may look fine, (it gets some winter sun) the lower road may still be frozen, at its steepest part. Use the range road at your own risk! If it gets particularly nasty we will close the road and post a notice of closure.

1Police Your Brass: In researching historical Rifle and Pistol Range articles, I noticed that the subject of "Policing your Brass" has occurred once in the last three years under the heading of, "Your Mother Doesn't Live Here." It could just as easily be, "Your Wife, Your Girlfriend," - whatever. The point is that some are getting lax in their responsibility to pick up after themselves. I have noticed that this tendency seems to occur more as the weather has gotten colder. I am also not referring to the brass that disappears into the snow, only to reappear during the melt. I am referring to brass under the roof and behind the firing line. Have a little pride in our range. Police your brass and place the steel casings in the trash and the brass casings in the small white buckets placed there for that purpose. Shotgun casings are the easiest to pick up and lately, have been the most obvious objects of litter on the rifle range. Take it one step farther. If you notice that pieces of carpet, shooting blocks, or sandbags are on the ground - pick them up, put them on a bench, and in the case of the carpet, put a sandbag or shooting block on top so the wind won't move it again.

At a private golf course, it is not unusual to see a sign pleading with members to repair their own ball marks on the green and another ball mark as well. I make a similar plea here. After you police your own brass, look to pick up other obvious brass on the ground. The results may surprise you, a range maintained in a state that members and their guests really enjoy and can be proud of.

Rifle Range Insulation Repair Project: On our December 18th range maintenance day, the majority of insulation under the Rifle Range roof was augmented or replaced. Additionally, the insulation was sealed in with chicken wire

and clipped together with hog rings to prevent rapid removal by the local squirrel posse. I've come across the little varmints running into the woods with insulation pieces bigger than they are clutched in their teeth. In the two days after maintenance day, while finishing up, I even had to evict a squirrel that had taken up residence in the front insulation above shooting station two. Boy was he ticked! My thanks to Ray Shaver, Alan Pressman, Sean Cooley, Rick Rollyson, Roman Drews, and Tim Urban for their stellar work.

Donations: Additional pre-cut pistol and rifle range plywood backers were again received from an anonymous donor. Thank you! Please email me when you do this so I can recognize your contribution, which I will do now for George Anderson, for another donation of eyes and ears for use during our special events. Thanks George.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Practical Defense Match on Saturday January 14, 2006 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1. (participants will meet at 9:30 AM in the Rathskeller for registration; don't go directly to the range). Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at jl原因@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Bowling Pin Shoot on Saturday February 18, 2006 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1. (participants will meet at 9:30 AM in the Rathskeller for registration; don't go directly to the range). Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional info, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at jl原因@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

If anyone has any topics or items they wish to include in future newsletters, send them to me at the above email address and include some contact info in case I have questions.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Probationary members are required to help in two chapter events during their first year of WAC membership. At least one of those events must be a conservation activity. If you are a probationary member, and don't see your name in the newsletter after helping out in an event, it would be prudent to contact the person who ran the event and find out why. Following are the names from the sign-up sheets for several recent events. Thanks to all.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Dec. 10: Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Sandy Burk, Evan Cohen and Tom Ouellette.

Dec. 11: Bill Ladd, Bill Gazdik, Mr. & Mrs Buddy Michael and son and Saul Honigsberg.

Dec. 17: Pete Doubroff, Scott Dornbirer and Scott Wood.

Dec. 18: Bill Kelly, BobGladhill, Norma Kawecki, Kurt Spies and "Rip" Van Winkle.

RANGE ORIENTATION (Dec. 18): Barry Ephraim and Rex Gori.

RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE MAINTENANCE (Dec. 18): Ryan Cooley, Alan Pressman, Rick Rollyson, Ray Shaver, Tim Urban and Guy Wright.

SKEET/TRAP RANGE MAINTENANCE (Dec. 18): Rick Kellar, Ken Lubel, Dan Schrock, Peter Sittner, Paul Turska, Jake Turska and John V. Yanik.

KITCHEN & SERVICE (Dec. 22): The Silva family: Jorge, Mercedes, Carlos and Roberto.

HOSPITALITY (Dec. 22): Rob Hallen, Ken Lefebvre and Ouellette.

JUNIOR AIR RIFLE

On Saturday morning, December 10th a sporter air rifle team (James Burns, Kimberly Goldberg, Kristofer Goldberg, and David Hermann) competed in the Fall 2005 Traveling Trophy Match at the Chapter House. The home team defeated the visitors from Gaithersburg High School NJROTC by the score of 949 to 865. As a result of their victory, we have retained the Traveling Trophy until the next (Spring) match in 2006.

The overall Gold Medal winning individual champion was our youngest competitor, Kimberly Goldberg with a score of 244. Her (older) brother, Kristofer, captured Silver with a 242, while David Hermann earned the Bronze with a 235. We congratulate these shooters for their fine team performance and for winning eleven of thirteen total medals awarded in the competition!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As we begin a new year let's not lose sight of those around us that are recovering from illness. As IKEs, especially from the Wildlife Achievement Chapter we are known far and wide as the kind of people others like to be associated with. In part that comes from the care we have for our own. Please remember those friends and fellow IKEs that are ill or recovering.

FLY FISHING FORUM

By Richard Phelan unodir@comcast.net

Many of us prefer softer, slower rods while many prefer the faster, stiffer rods. My personal preference for the slower variety stems, I believe, from my wife teaching me the art of fly fishing. Not wanting to use a "good" rod on a beginner like myself, she pulled out an old fiberglass rod that was verrrry slow. That is what I got used to and what I prefer today. You may have a favorite rod (or five or ten) that is too slow/fast for your taste. Try stepping up/down on your line size. If you have a six weight that is just too fast, try putting on a seven weight line. Or conversely, you could speed up that slow six weight rod by putting on a five weight line. These changes can also help you adjust to differing conditions, such as too much wind, or a presentation that is just too hard. I also recommend regular line and rod cleaning. For a quick clean, I use a line cleaner and small rag (easy kits are readily available), but every so often, I will wash my line in the sink with warm water and mild detergent before drying and reconditioning. If you have not cleaned your line lately, try it. It will make a huge difference. Candice and I will be trying to put together something for the club in the next two months.

Stay tuned. And, as always, if you would like to join us, or just have an opinion, email me at the address above.

RANGE ACCESS CARDS for 2006

Please remember that your membership card is NOT what you will need to use the ranges in 2006. It is a separate card for you and/or a Range Approved spouse that will come in the envelope behind your membership card. It has an eagle in front of a flag for easy identification across shooting positions. It is already laminated with a slot for a clip punched in it. **IT MUST BE VISIBLY WORN WHEN USING THE RANGES.** Use the same electronic card that you already have to open the gate. It will continue to function as long as your dues are up to date. Clips for the cards are available at the Range House or during General Membership Meetings. Stop by and pick one up.

WINTER RANGE ROAD

Buckets of ice melt and gravel have been placed at the top of the range road to be used if people have problems exiting the range because of ice buildup on the new concrete pad.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2006

For those who have NOT sent in a renewal payment for 2006, your membership "officially" expired on 12/31/05. A second and final bill should arrive the second week of January. If I have received your payment by January 31st, your membership will continue without penalty, but it will still take a few weeks for you to receive your new membership and Range Access Card. If I have not received your renewal payment by then, this is what

happens on February 1st:

- a. You will owe an additional \$40.00 to renew your membership
- b. You will not be allowed to use ANY shooting range or purchase reloading supplies until you renew
- c. Your electronic key card will be deactivated until you renew
- d. As of April 1st your membership will be terminated and you will have to re-join as a new member

SEND IN YOUR PAYMENT TODAY IF YOU INTEND TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN OUR CHAPTER WITHOUT PENALTY.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions. -Oliver Wendell Holmes

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